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# H. R. 57

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Mr. KIRK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Terrorist Rewards En-  
5       hancement Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FOR AN**  
2 **AGENCY OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TO RE-**  
3 **CEIVE A REWARD UNDER THE DEPARTMENT**  
4 **OF STATE REWARDS PROGRAM.**

5 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Subsection (f) of section 36 of the  
6 State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22  
7 U.S.C. 2708(f)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “(f) INELIGIBILITY.—An offi-  
9 cer” and inserting the following:

10 “(f) INELIGIBILITY.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
12 graph (2), an officer”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
14 paragraph:

15 “(2) EXCEPTION IN CERTAIN CIR-  
16 CUMSTANCES.—The Secretary may pay a reward to  
17 an officer or employee of a foreign government (or  
18 any entity thereof) who, while in the performance of  
19 his or her official duties, furnishes information de-  
20 scribed in such subsection, if the Secretary deter-  
21 mines that such payment satisfies the following con-  
22 ditions:

23 “(A) Such payment is appropriate in light  
24 of the exceptional or high-profile nature of the  
25 information furnished pursuant to such sub-  
26 section.

1                   “(B) Such payment may aid in furnishing  
2                   further information described in such sub-  
3                   section.

4                   “(C) Such payment is formally requested  
5                   by such agency.”.

6           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (b) of  
7 such section (22 U.S.C. 2708(b)) is amended in the mat-  
8 ter preceding paragraph (1) by inserting “or to an officer  
9 or employee of a foreign government in accordance with  
10 subsection (f)(2)” after “individual”.

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